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| For:                       |   | DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD AND INFORMATION PROCESSING<br>APPARATUS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING SIGNAL RECEPTION BY USING LOW-<br>LAYER PROTOCOL |

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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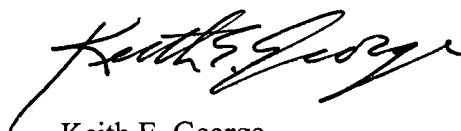
In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

**Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-284712, filed September 30, 2002**

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